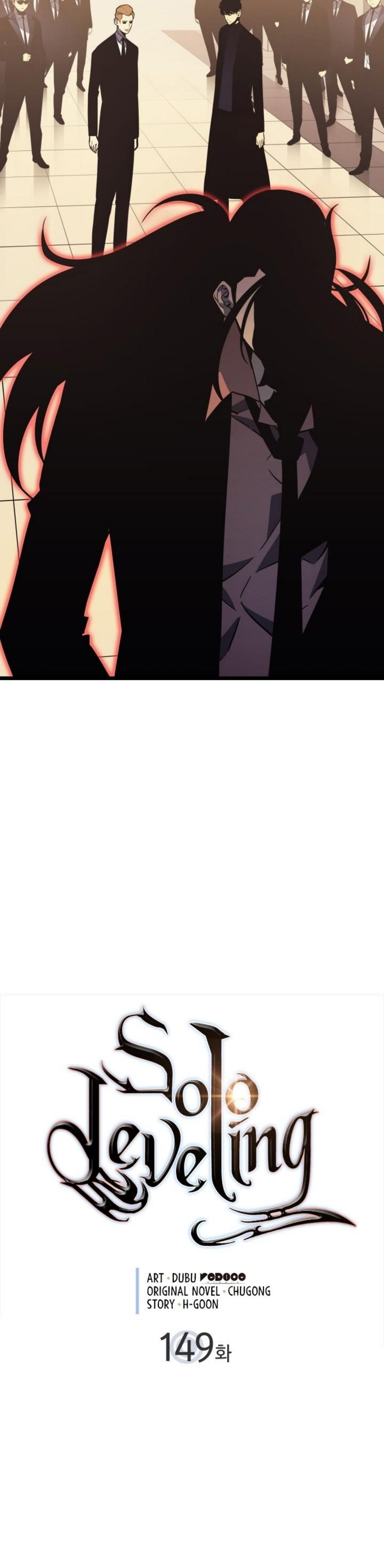


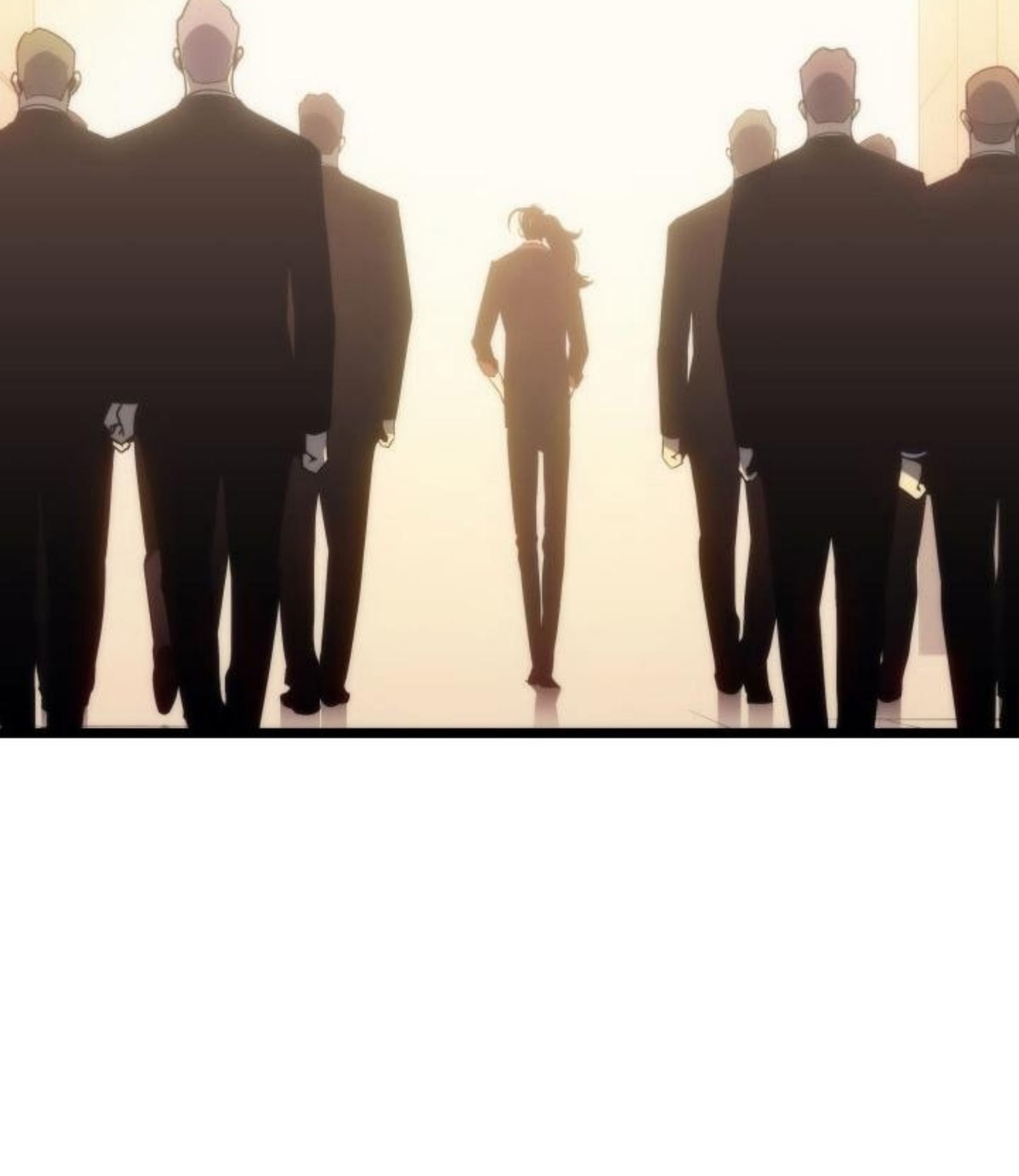
HE SAYS HE'S
HOPING FOR THAT
REASON, THAT "SUS-
PECT S" ISN'T A
MEMBER OF
YOUR FAMILY.



Solo Leveling

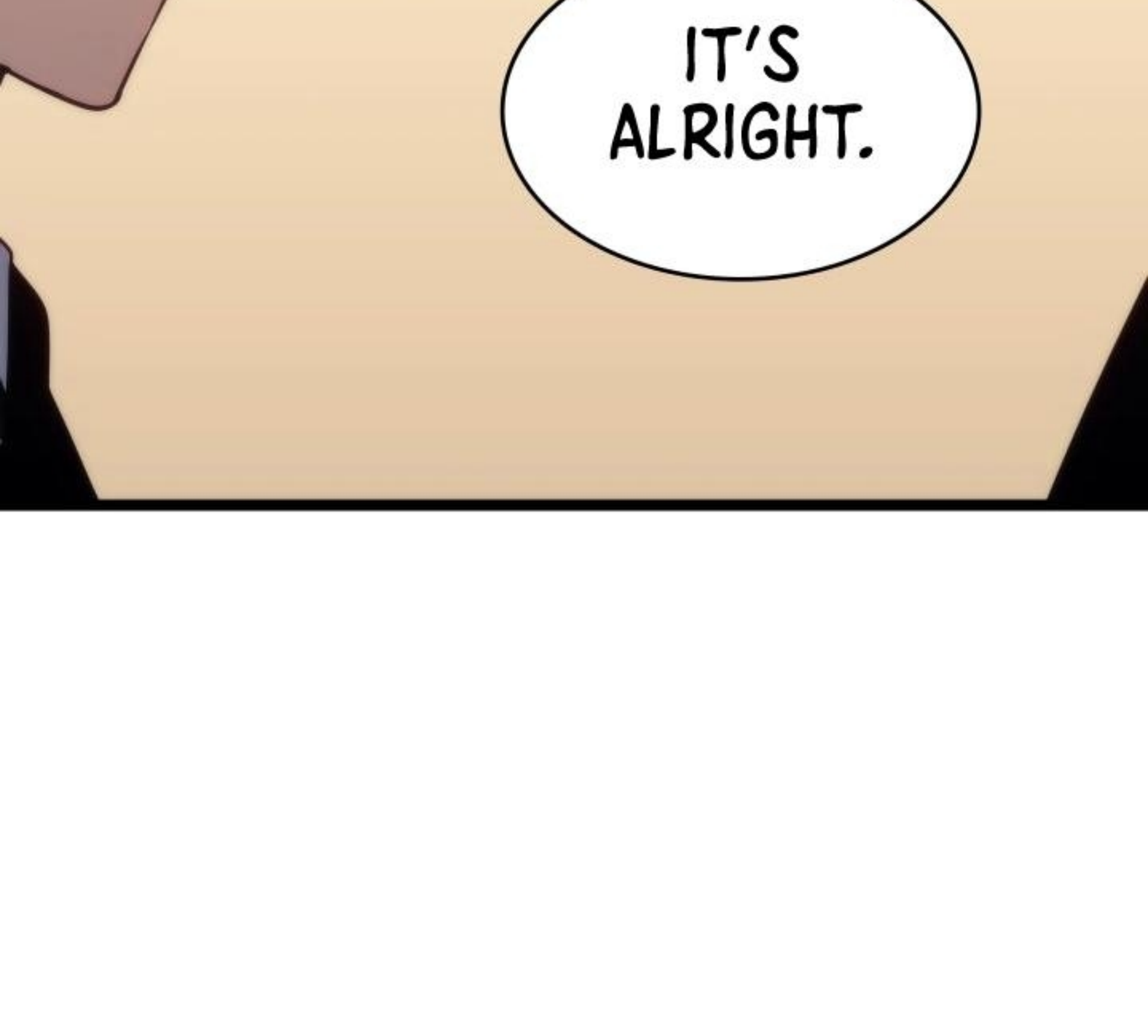
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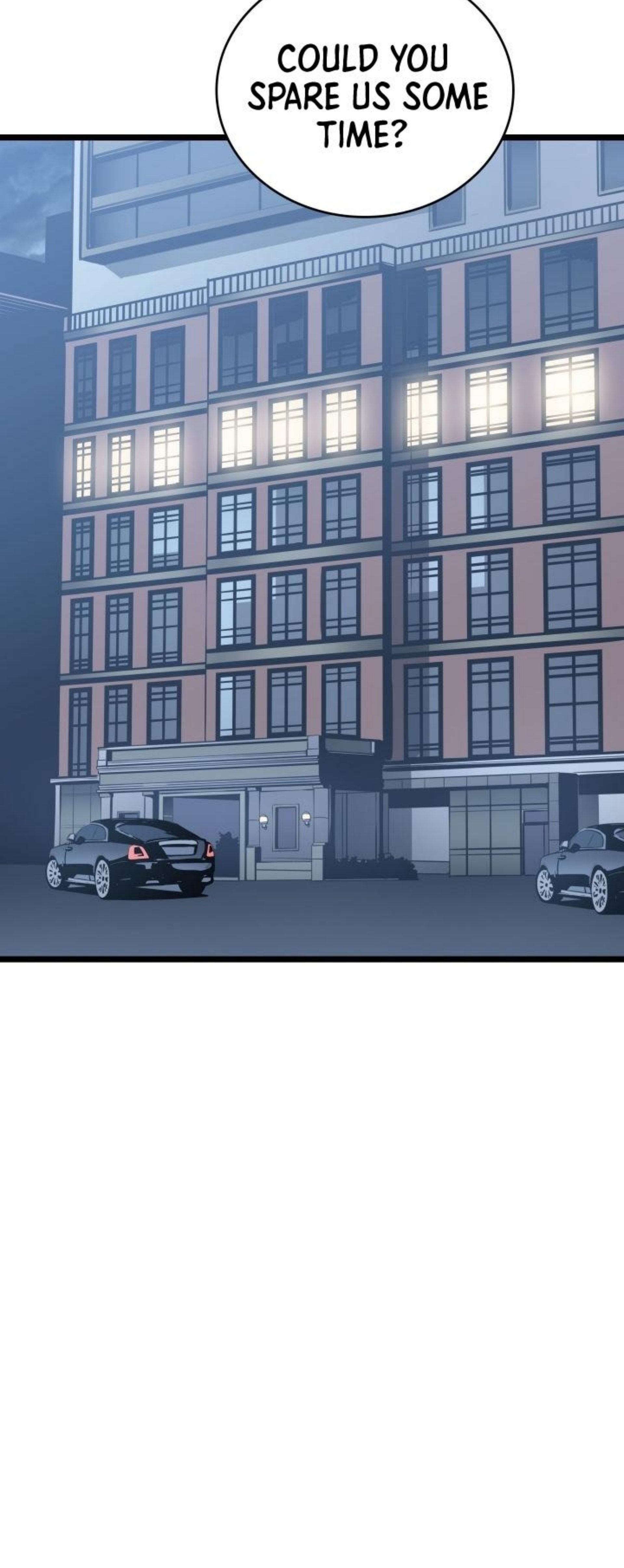
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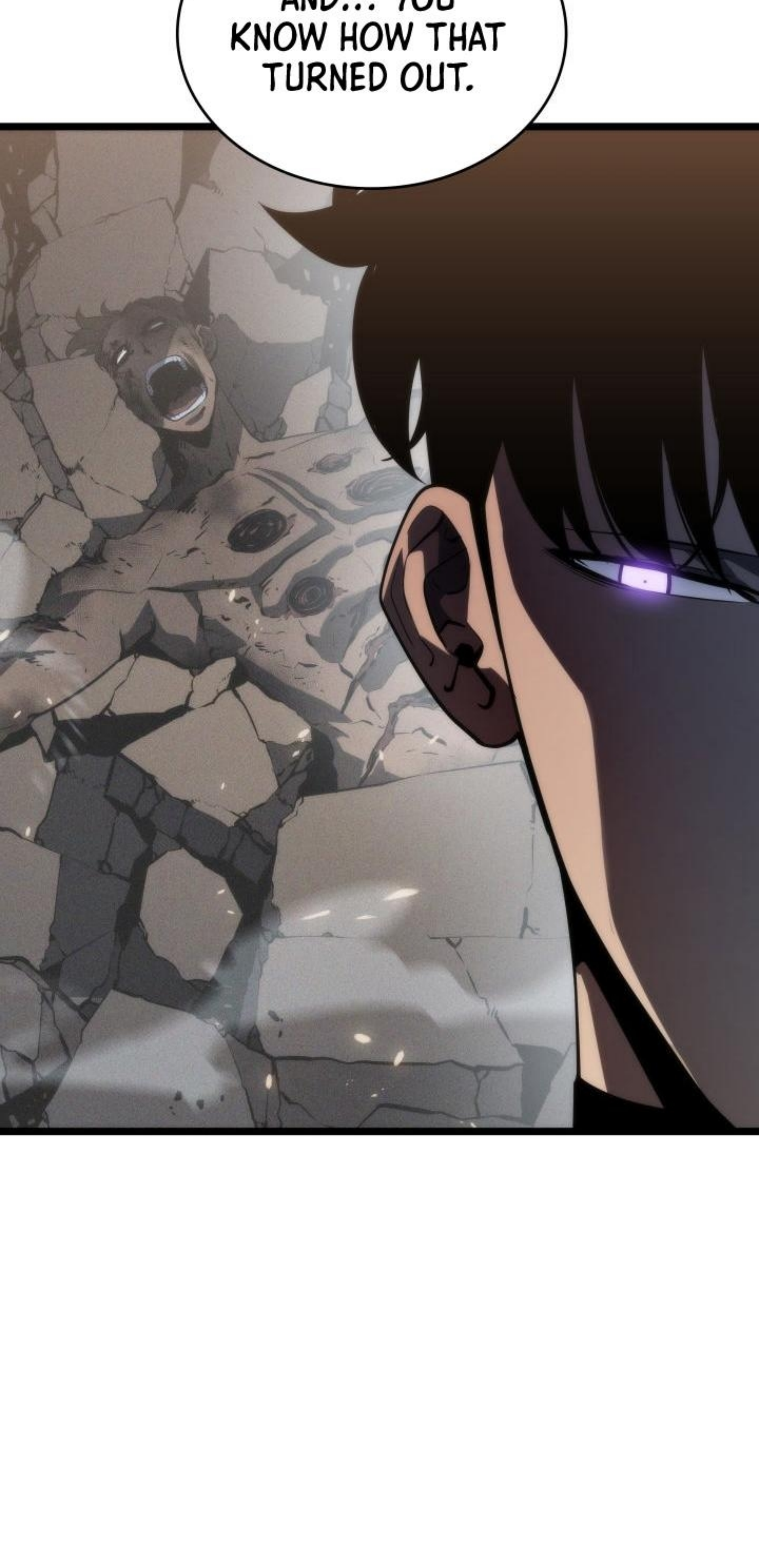
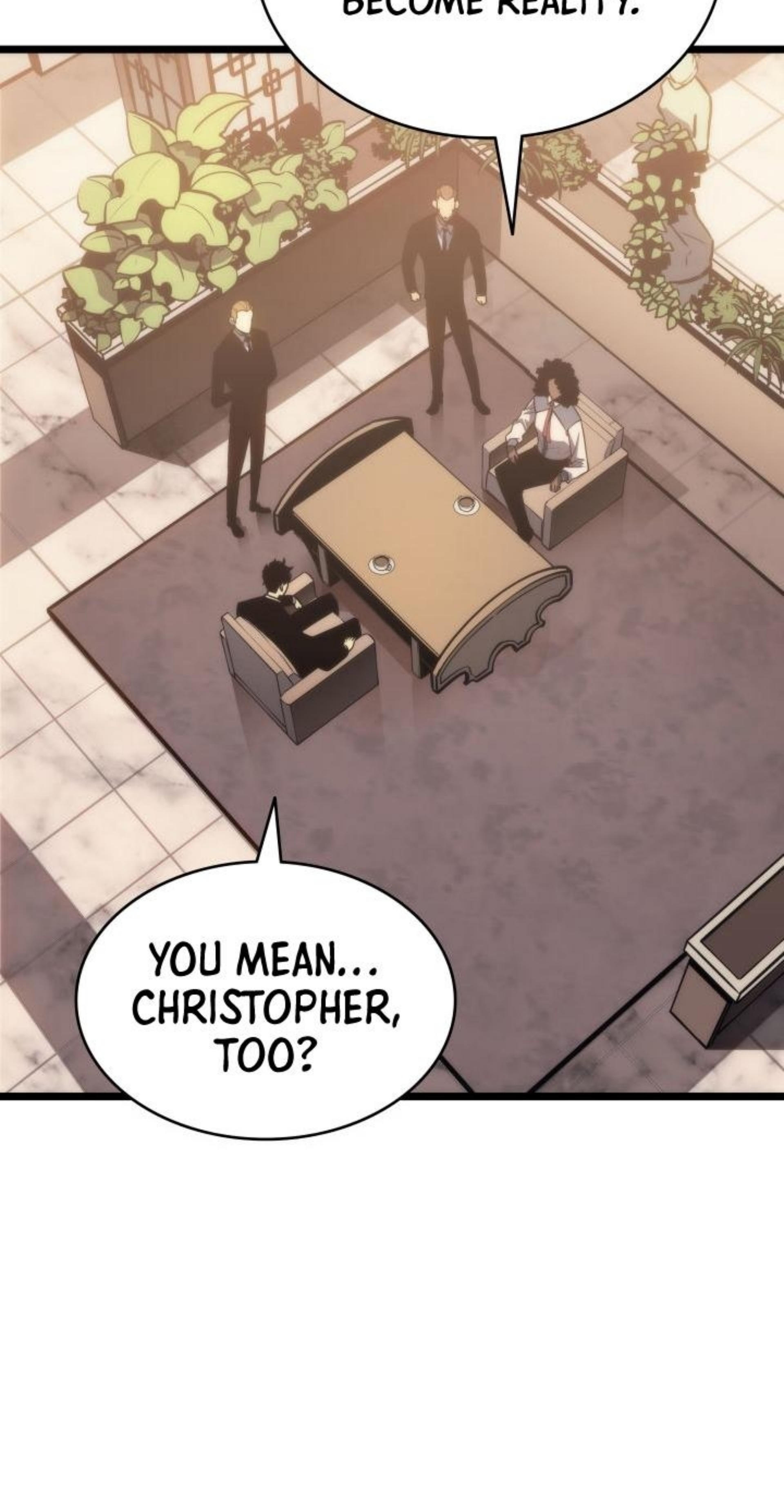


HE SAID HE
DOESN'T EVER WANT
TO FIGHT YOU, SO I
DON'T THINK HE HAD
ANY ILL INTENT.

IT'S
ALRIGHT.









THOSE HUNTING
THESE HUNTERS WILL
NOT STOP.

SO... YOU'RE
HERE TO WARN ME,
TOO?

NO.

I'M HERE
TO ASK YOU TO
PROTECT THE
HUNTERS.

I'VE BEEN
TRYING TO REMEMBER
THE FACES OF THOSE
WHO GOT HUNTED IN
MY DREAMS.

BUT IT WAS
NO USE.

SO, I'VE
DECIDED TO TRY
SOMETHING
ELSE.

TO TRY TO
CONFIRM THEIR
IDENTITIES WITH
MY ABILITY, WITHIN
THE DREAMS.

SO, THAT TIME
YOU LOOKED INTO
MY EYES...



YES.



THE ENDLESS
POWER THAT LIES
WITHIN THEM...

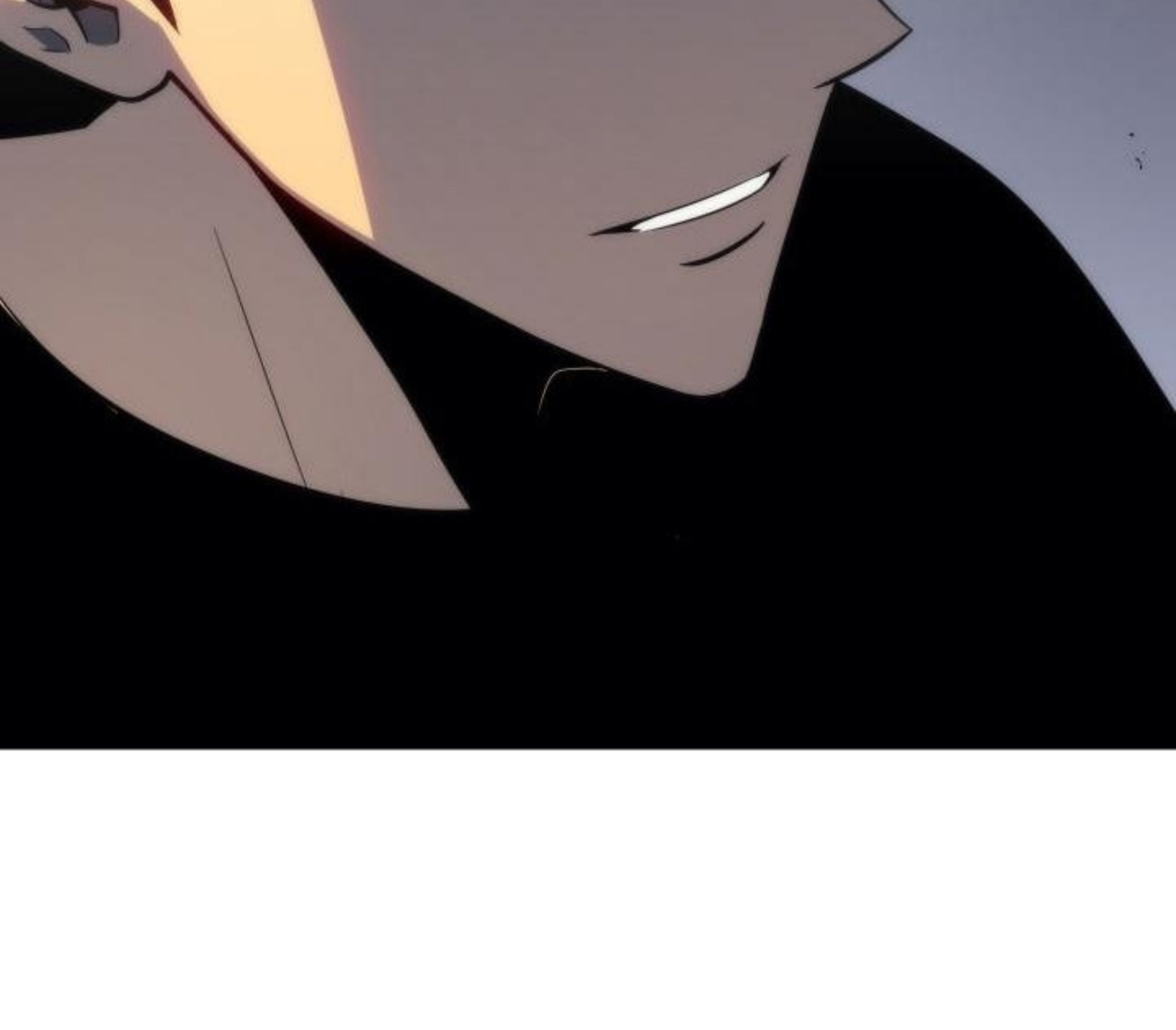
ONCE I CAME
INTO CONTACT WITH
'IT', I WAS FORCED TO
WAKE UP FROM MY
SLEEP.



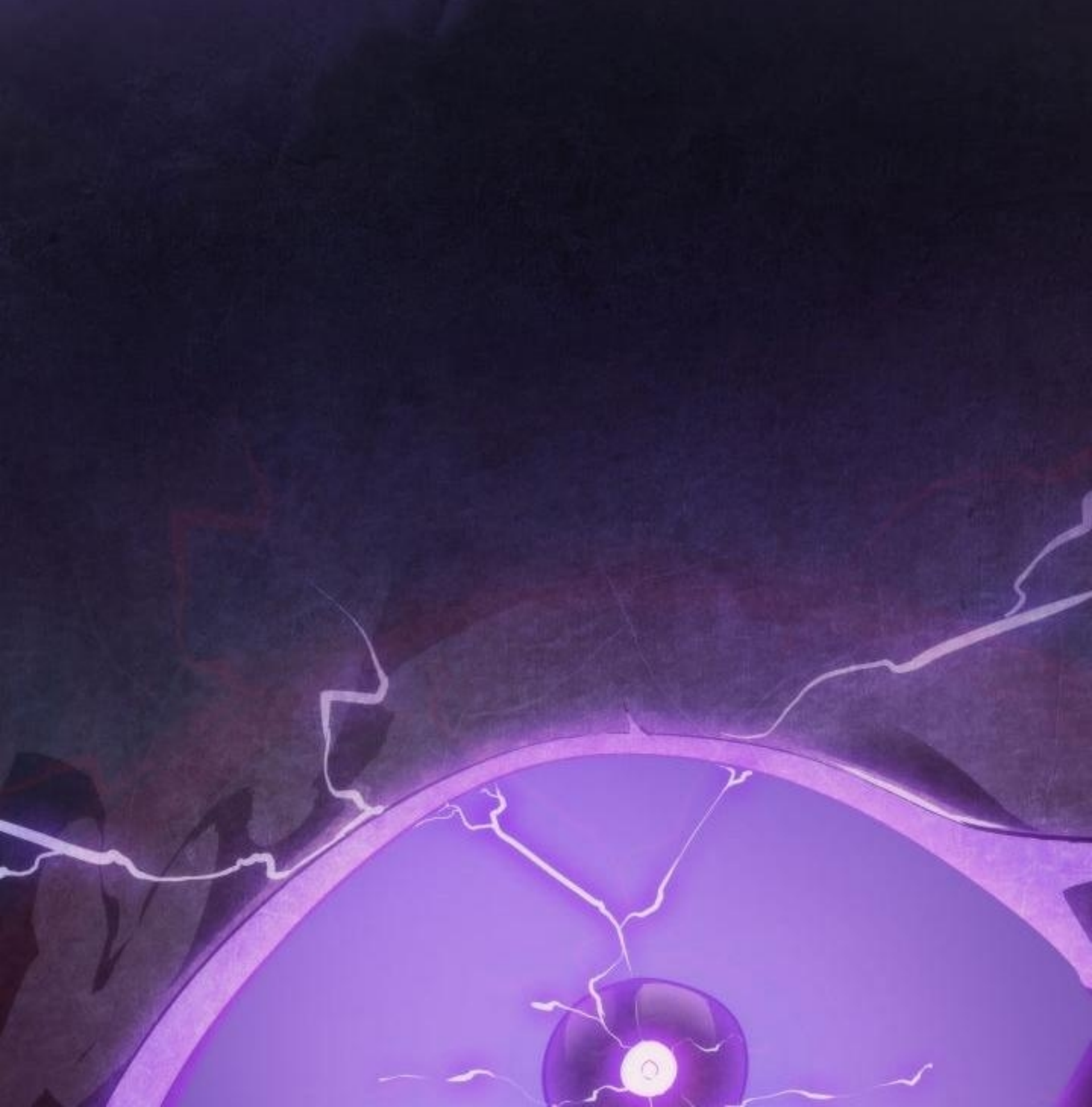
I STILL REMEMBER
VIVIDLY, THE VOICE I
HEARD FROM 'IT',




WHEN
WE LOCKED
EYES.



AND WHAT
DID 'IT' SAY?



TO GO
BACK...



AND PREPARE
FOR WAR.



IT'S THE
BATTLE BETWEEN
RULERS OF SOVE-
REIGNS

THAT THE
KING OF GIANTS
SPOKE OF.

IN THAT
CASE...

I WONDER WHICH
SIDE THE ONES WHO
ARE KILLING THE
HUNTERS ARE ON.




BUT WHAT
DOES THAT HAVE TO
DO WITH YOU ASKING
ME TO PROTECT
THE HUNTERS?

...BECAUSE
I DETECTED A
SIMILAR POWER
WITHIN YOU.

I GUESS
MADAM SELNER SAW
THE POWER OF THE
SHADOW SOVEREIGN
WITHIN ME THAT DAY.

SO IF SHE SAW
THE SAME POWER
FROM THE HUNTERS
IN HER DREAMS...



...IT MUST BE THE
SOVEREIGNS.

THEY ARE AN
EXISTENCE BEYOND
HUNTERS.

AND WE REQUIRE
THE HELP OF YOUR
IMMENSE POWER
TO STOP THEM.

TO BE HONEST, WE
WEREN'T COMPLETELY
CONVINCED WHEN WE WERE
TOLD THAT YOU WERE THE
ONLY ONE WHO COULD
PROTECT THEM...

BUT WE CHANGED
OUR MINDS WHEN WE
SAW THE BATTLE BETWEEN
YOU AND HUNTER ANDRE
YESTERDAY.

OF COURSE, WE
DON'T EXPECT YOU TO
HELP US WITHOUT ANY
COMPENSATION.

WE OFFER ANYTHING YOU
WANT... EVEN THE GREATEST
TREASURE THAT 'KAMISH' LEFT
BEHIND, THE RUNESTONE.

THERE ARE
HUNTERS IN THIS WORLD
WHO HAVE RECEIVED POW-
ERFUL BLESSINGS.'

AND THEY HAVE
SUPPORTED THE
WORLD WITH THEIR
POWERS.

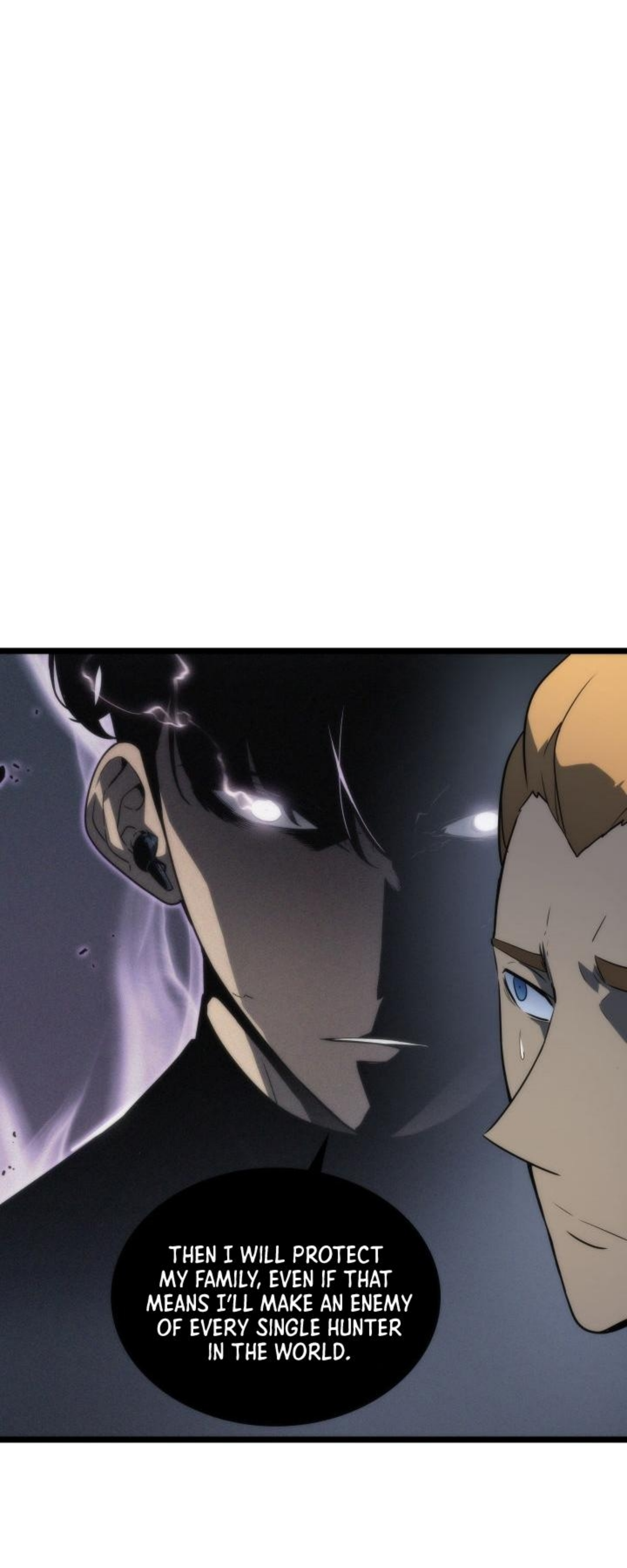
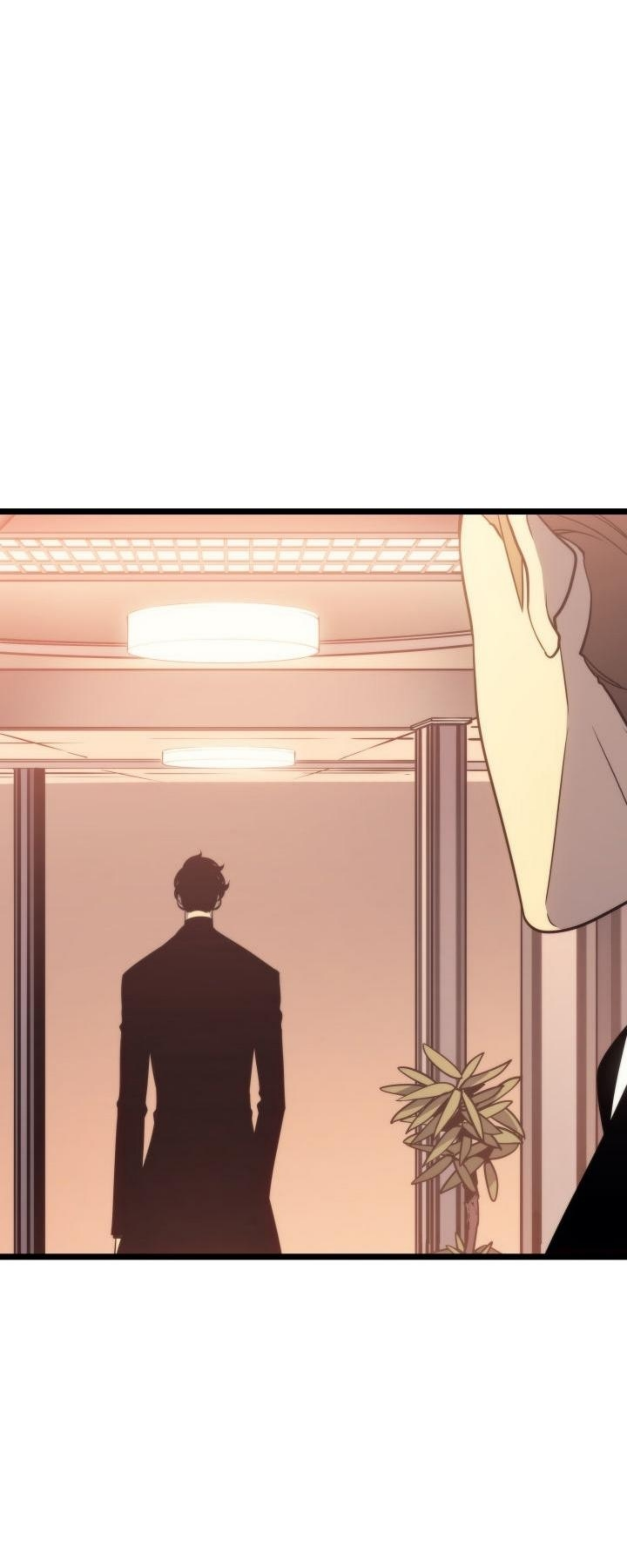
IF THEY DISAPPEAR,
THIS WORLD WILL NOT
BE ABLE TO LAST.

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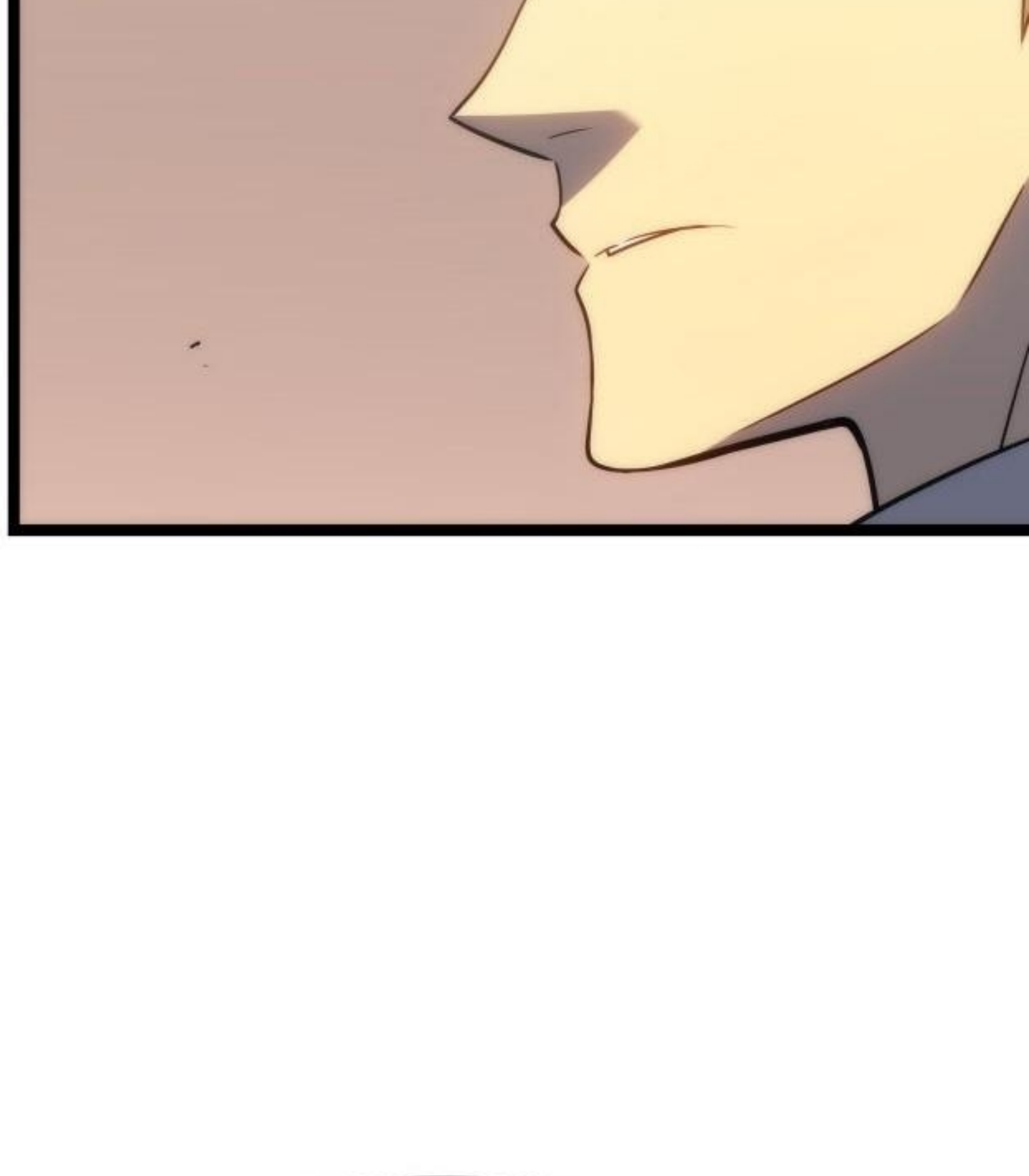
...I'M SORRY.

IS THIS BECAUSE
YOU STILL HAVE PER-
SONAL GRUDGES
AGAINST HUNTER
ANDRE-

THAT'S NOT IT.



AGENT WHITE.



COULD YOU GIVE
ME THE LIST OF HUNTERS
THEY WANTED ME TO
PROTECT?



I'D APPRECIATE IT
IF YOU COULD PROVIDE
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
ME TO MEET THOSE
HUNTERS, AS WELL.



OF COURSE!

LAST DAY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL GUILD
CONFERENCE,
HOSTED BY THE HUNTER'S
ASSOCIATION—



"THE NIGHT OF
THE HUNTERS."







WE'D LIKE TO PURCHASE ALL THE GIANT MONSTERS THAT YOU'VE HUNTED.

DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?



GOOD TIMING.

I'M MAINLY IN CHARGE OF THE RAIDS, AND MY VICE-CHAIRMAN HERE IS IN CHARGE OF ALL BUSINESS-RELATED MATTERS.

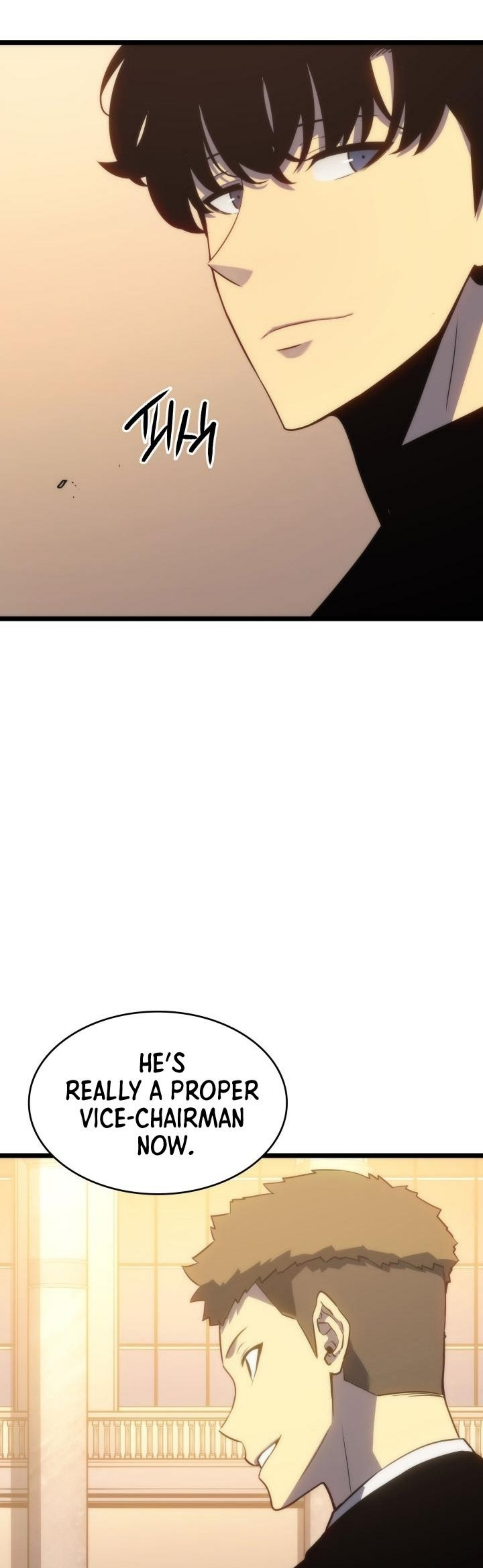
I'M AHJIN GUILD'S VICE-CHAIRMAN, YOO JIN-HO.



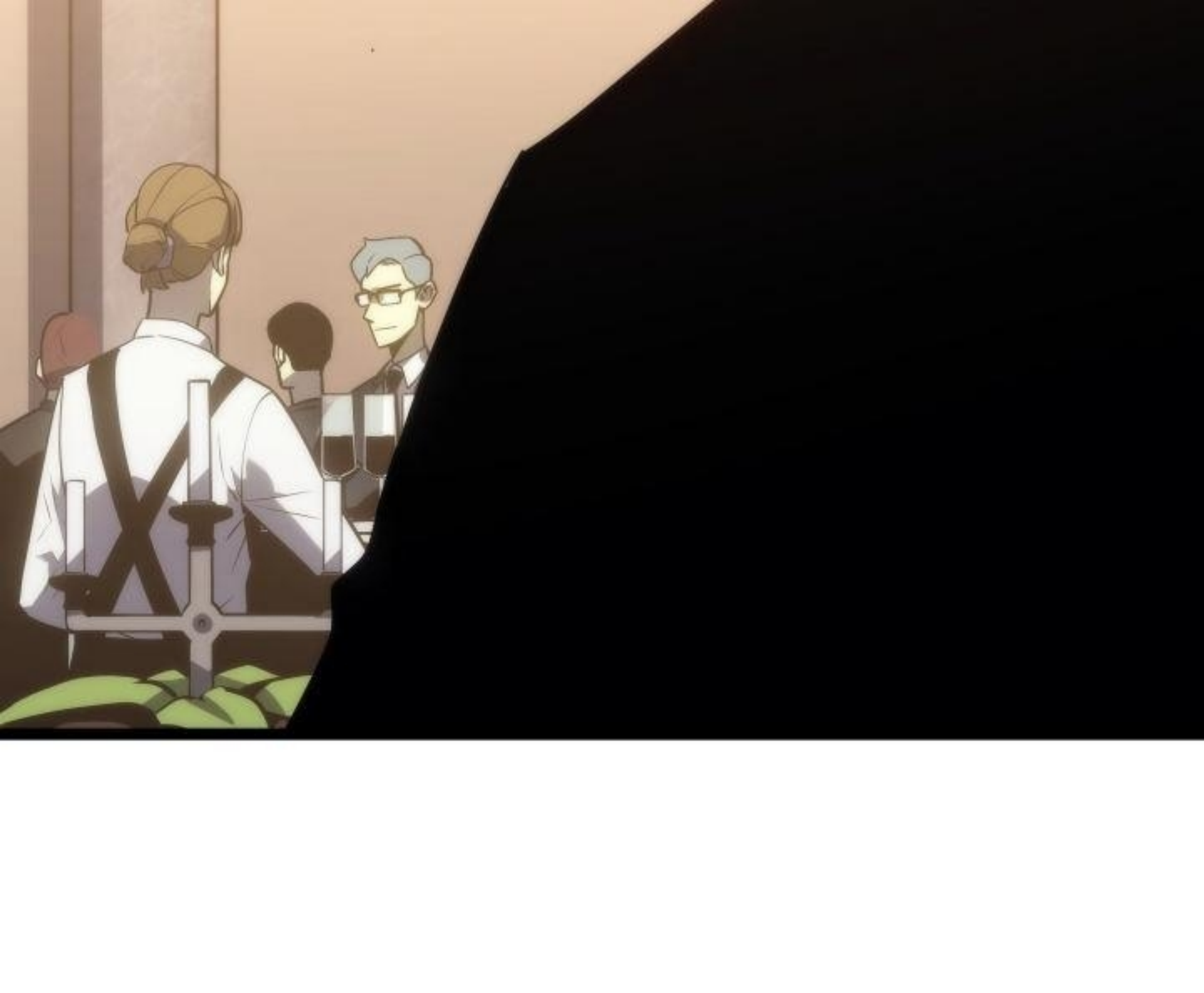
AH, YES. NICE TO MEET YOU.

I USUALLY DON'T TALK BUSINESS IN THESE KINDS OF PLACES,

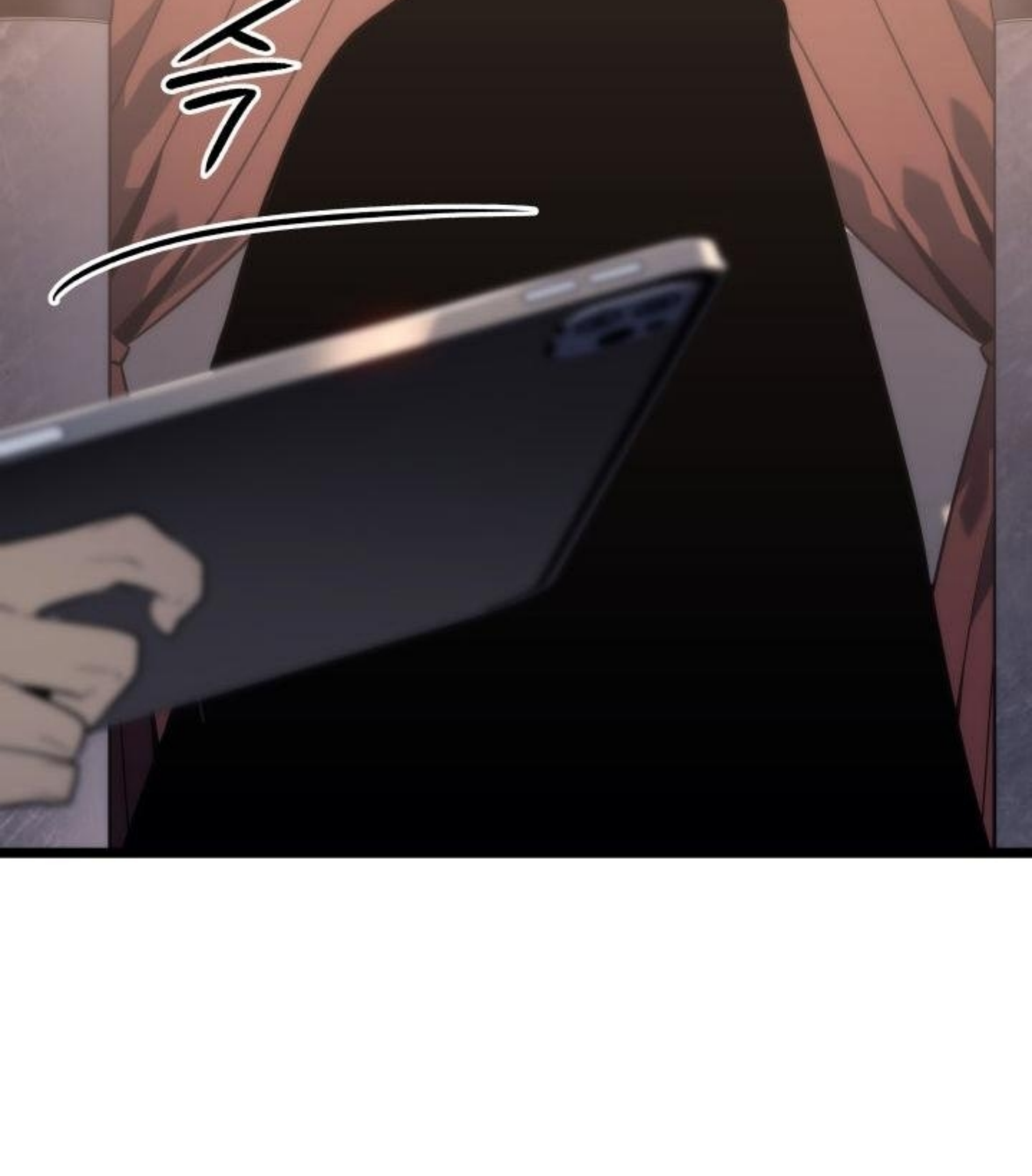
BUT JUST FOR YOU...



HE'S REALLY A PROPER VICE-CHAIRMAN NOW.



HUNTER SUNG,
HERE'S THE
LIST.



WE'VE RANKED THE
HUNTERS BY POINTS WE
ASSIGN THEM, BASED ON
THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS
AND ACTIVITY.



THE 10 LISTED
HERE ARE THE TOP
HUNTERS LEADING
IN POINTS.

IF YOU ARE TO ACCEPT
OUR PROPOSITION, YOU
WOULD LIKELY BE ASKED
TO PROTECT THESE
PEOPLE.



SO YOU'RE
SAYING THEY ARE
HIGH-PRIORITY.

HUNTER POINTS,
HUH...



WHERE
DO I RANK
HERE?

IF WE TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT THE GIANT
MONSTERS YOU
TOOK DOWN...

PROBABLY
3RD OR 4TH.



1ST IS THOMAS ANDRE,
2ND IS LIU ZHIGENG,
3RD IS CHRISTOPHER REID,
4TH IS SIDDHARTH BACHCHAN,
AND 5TH IS...

WHAT A DRAG. I
SHOULD JUST PUT A
SHADOW SOLDIER ON
EACH OF THEM, INSTEAD
OF MEMORIZING ALL OF
THEIR NAMES.

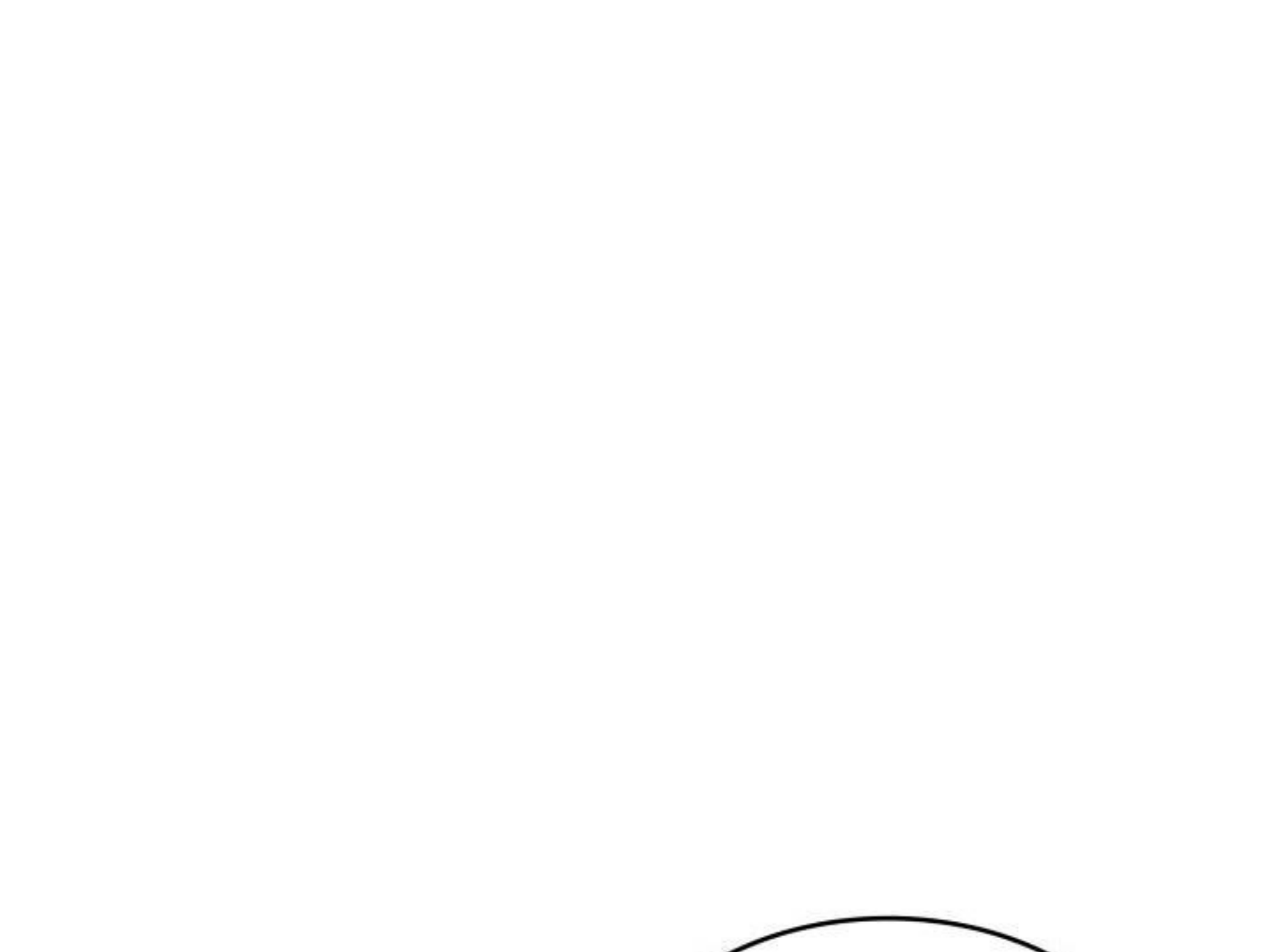
WELL, THIS
REALLY IS AN OPTIMAL
ENVIRONMENT TO PUT
SHADOW SOLDIERS
ON PEOPLE.

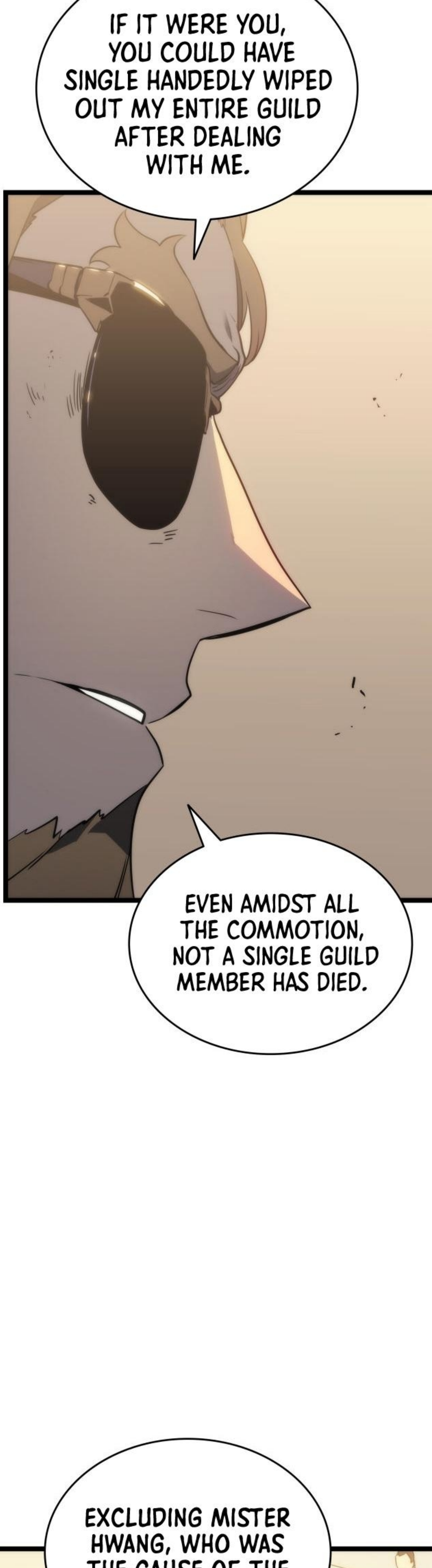


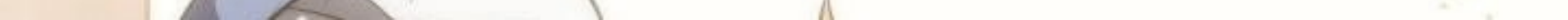
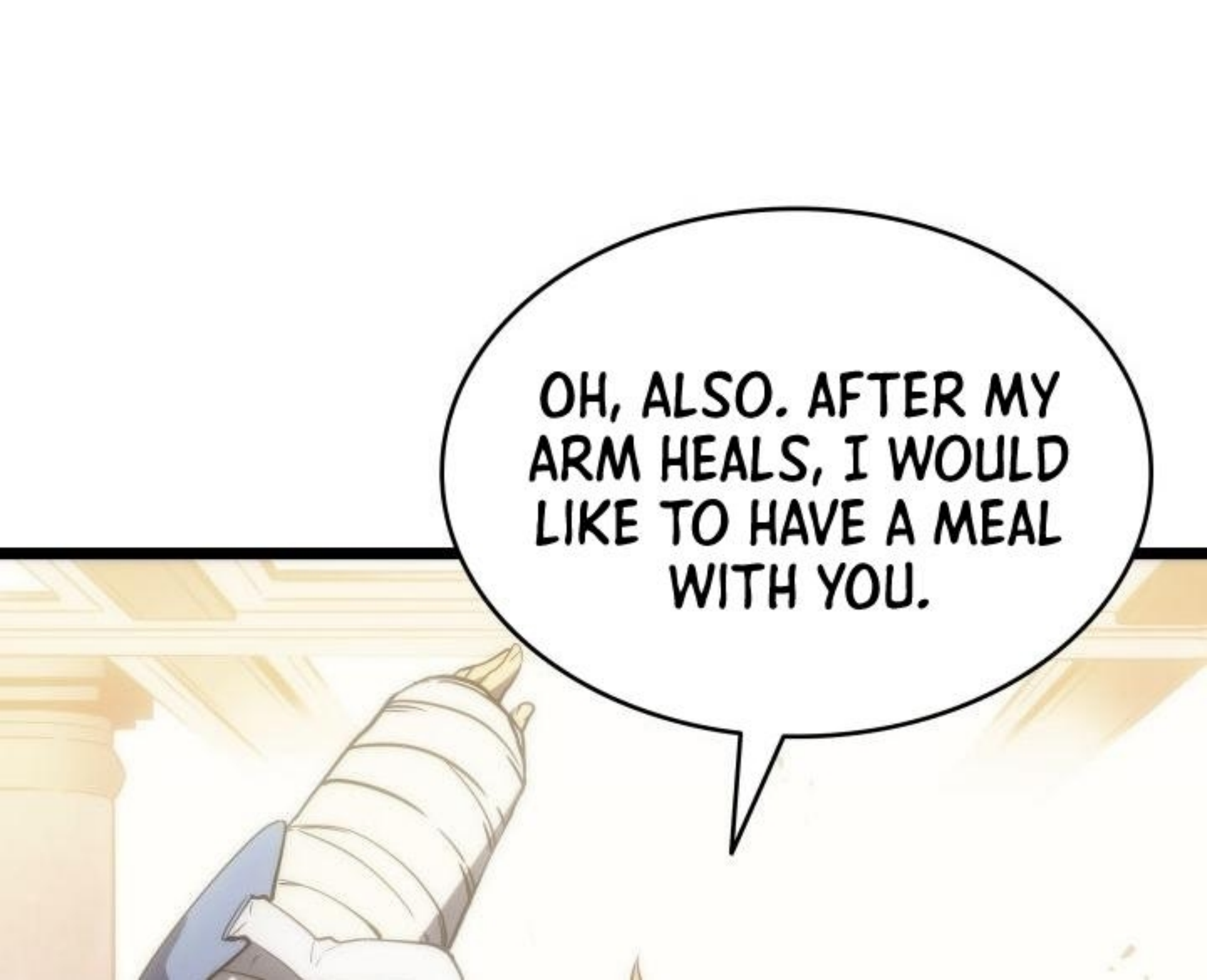
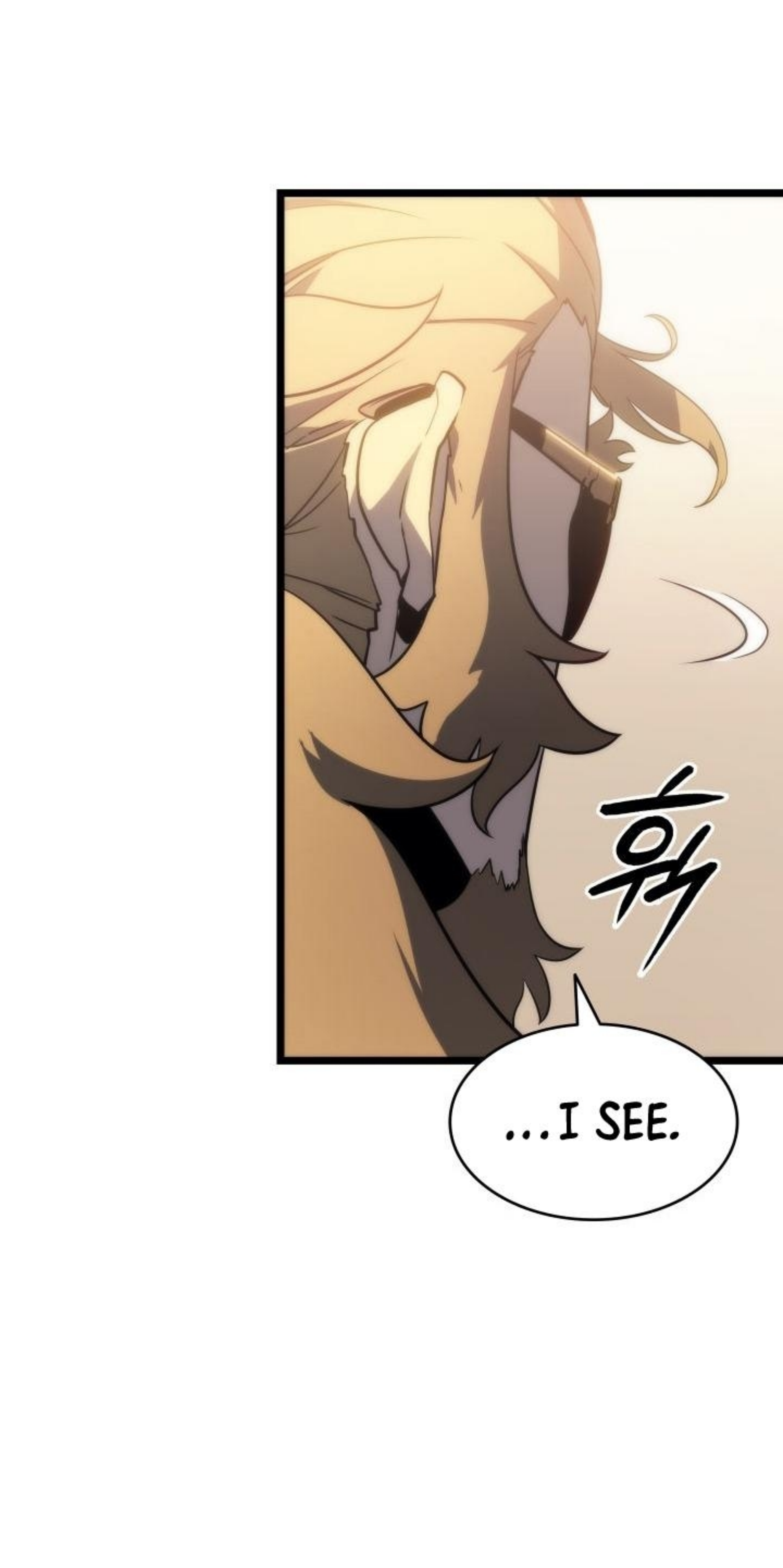
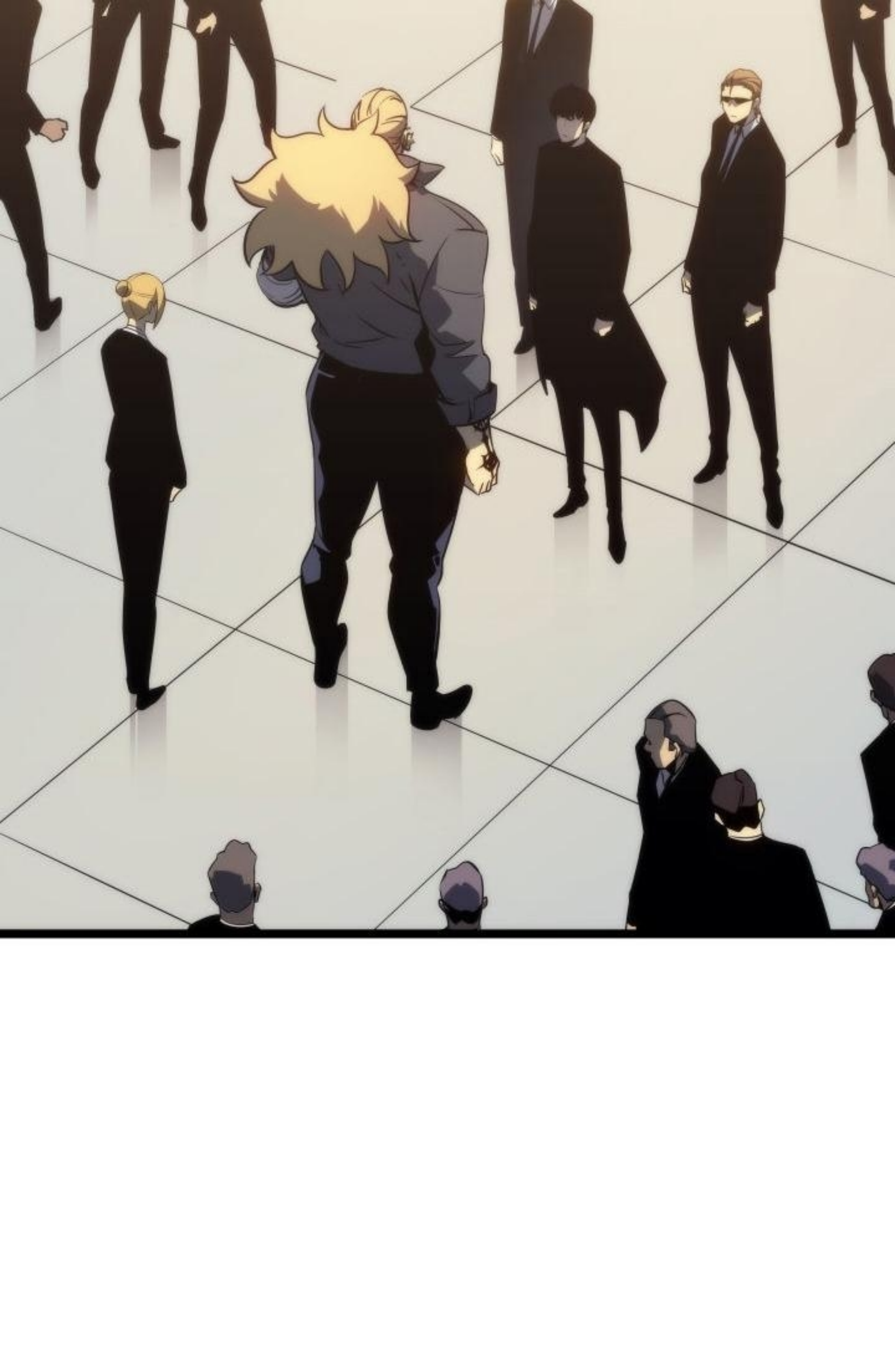
I'LL MAKE
CONTACT WITH THE
RULERS THROUGH
THESE HUNTERS.

THIS WAY, I'LL
BE ABLE TO TELL
WHO'S FRIEND, AND
WHO'S FOE...

AND WHO
I'LL NEED TO
FIGHT.









IF YOU GIVE MY MANAGER YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, I WILL CONTACT YOU LATER.

C
MY MASTER JUST SHOWED HIS GRATITUDE TOWARDS YOU,

FOR NOT HARMING HIS GUILD MEMBERS.

NO MATTER HOW HE LOOKS, HE'S ACTUALLY QUITE A SHY PERSON.

HUNTER-NIM, EXCUSE MY RUDENESS, BUT COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION?

MY MASTER WANTS TO GIVE YOU A GIFT OF GRATITUDE.

PLEASE TELL ME IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU WANT.

I'M GOOD, THANK YOU.

MY MASTER... IS VERY COMPETITIVE SO HE BECOMES UNEASY WHEN HE FEELS HE OWES SOMEONE A FAVOR.

ANYTHING WOULD DO, SO COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME SOMETHING?

A GIFT OF GRATITUDE, HUH...

MAYBE A USEFUL DAGGER...



A DAGGER...
I UNDERSTAND. I
APPRECIATE YOUR
UNDERSTANDING,
HUNTER-NIM.

THEN SHALL WE
MEET AND GREET
THE HUNTERS THAT
ARE ON THE LIST?

I WILL
BE YOUR
GUIDE.

NO,
THERE IS NO
NEED FOR YOU
TO DO SO.

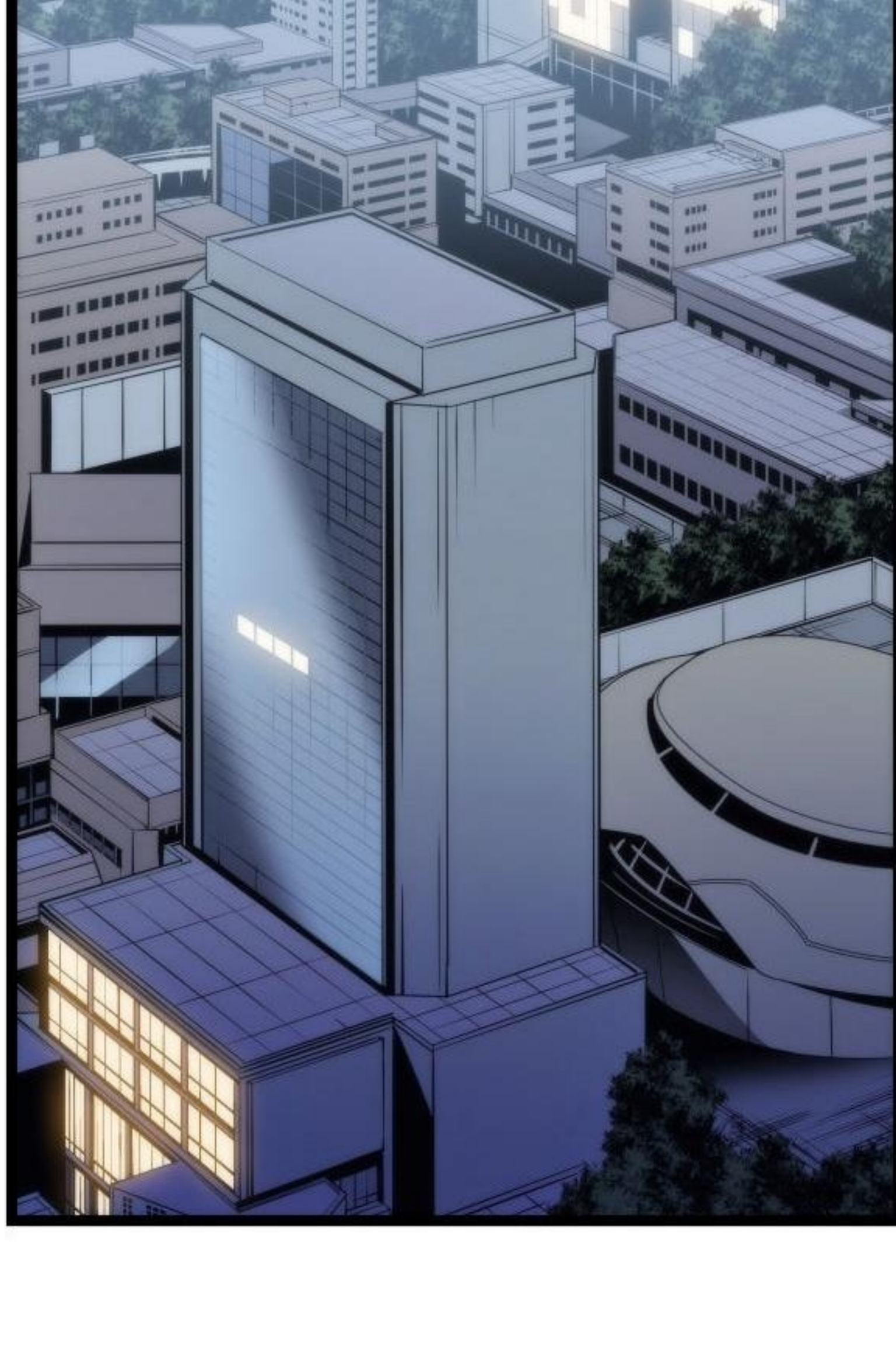
IS THERE A
PERSON MISSING?
I DON'T SEE THE
RANK 6 HUNTER

HOW DID
YOU...

WE'VE
LOST CONTACT
WITH HIM A COUPLE
OF DAYS BEFORE
THE CONFERENCE.

THE SECRET AGENCY
AND THE BRAZILIAN
GOVERNMENT BOTH
HAVE YET TO FIND HIS
WHEREABOUTS.

WAS
HE ALREADY
DONE IN?





IS THIS...
MY LIMIT?

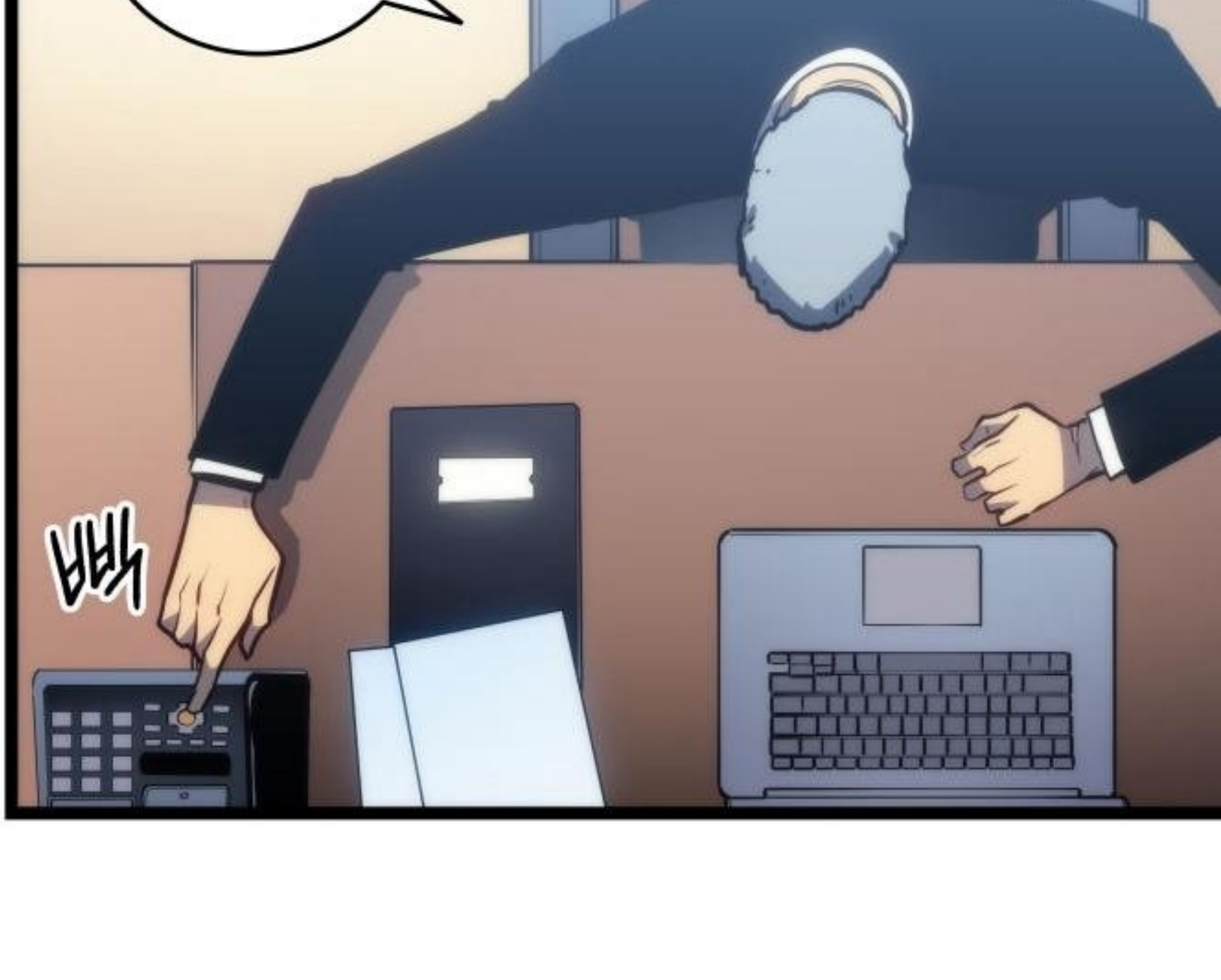
THE DOCTOR
SAID THAT I COULD
POTENTIALLY LOSE MY
LIFE WITHIN HALF A YEAR
IF I KEEP UP WITH
THIS WORK.

SINCE THEN,
1 YEAR, 2 YEARS
HAVE PASSED... AND
I EVENTUALLY GOT
TO WHERE I AM
CURRENTLY.

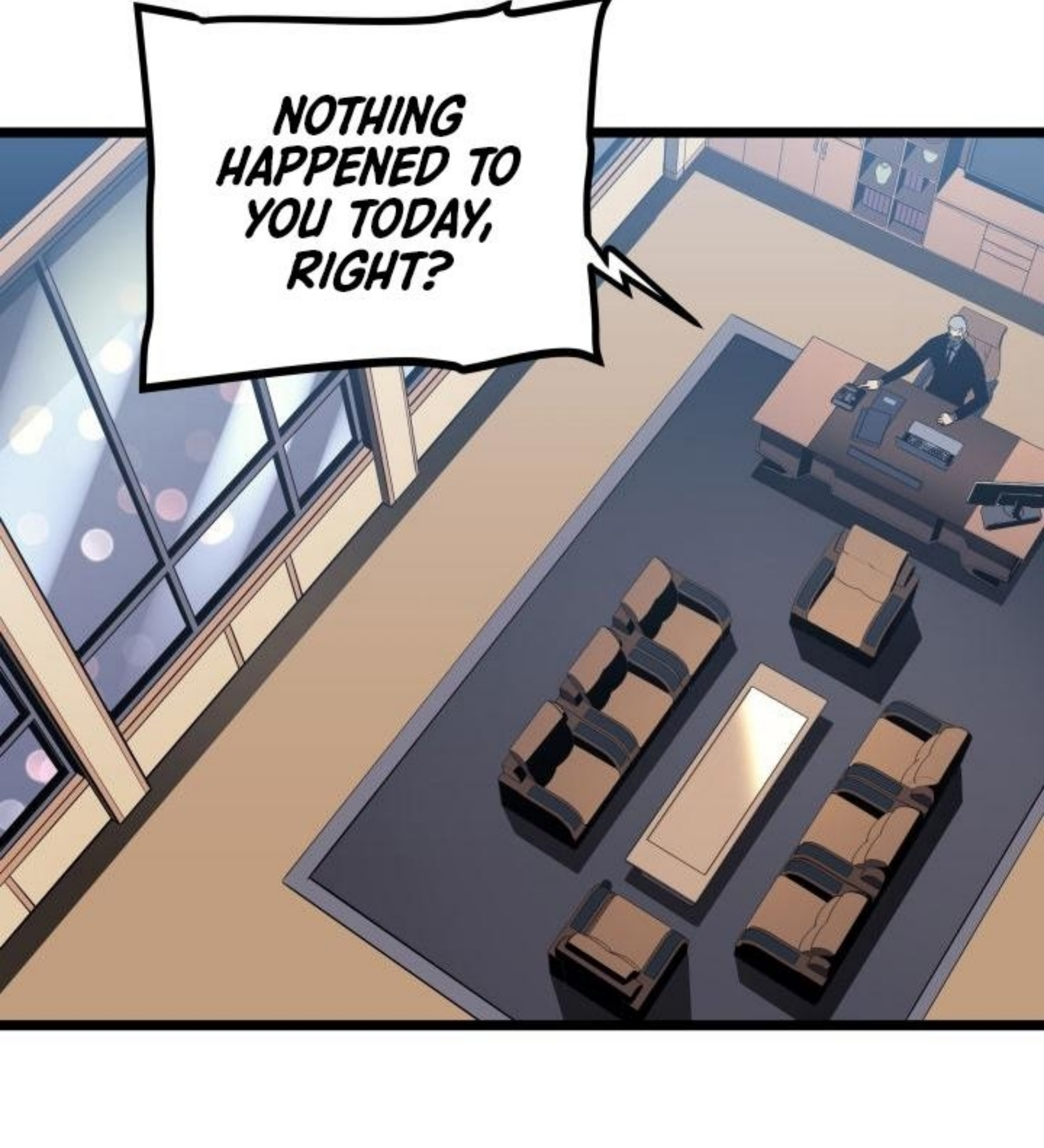
I CAN'T DO
MUCH SINCE IT SEEMS
TO BE MY LIMIT. I SHOULD
RATHER BE THANKFUL
THAT I HELD OUT
FOR THIS LONG.



YES.



NOTHING
HAPPENED TO
YOU TODAY,
RIGHT?



DEAR...

